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Honorable Jeffrey Cohen
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Case 12-E-0577 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Examine Repowering Alternatives to Utility Transmission Reinforcements

Dear Acting Secretary Cohen:

Laborers Local 785 represents Skilled Construction Craft Laborers in the Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier of New York. The membership of Laborers Local 785 voted at the monthly membership meeting to support the generation solution over the transmission solution for the Cayuga Power Plant in Lansing, New York. The Cayuga Power Plant is an important contributor to our local and regional economy and repowering this plant will provide clean, efficient energy ensuring it's continued economic contributions to the region.

The generation solution will initially provide 500 construction jobs during the facility renovations and additional jobs during the natural gas pipeline installation. Once operational, this plant will provide 90 permanent "in-house" positions. Routine maintenance on the facility and pipeline will also provide opportunities for employment to our members.

Along with job creation, this repowering will benefit the local economy and maintain a significant portion of the current tax base in the local and regional community.

On behalf of the 883 Skilled Construction Craft Laborers of Local 785, I urge you to support the repowering option for the Cayuga Power Plant in Lansing, New York. I can be reached for further discussion on this matter at (607) 272-3122.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David P. Marsh'.

David P. Marsh
Business Manager

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